Medical News

Scottish House of the Association.—During the past few years the Scottish House of the Association at 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, has been undergoing a lengthy process of renovation. The extensive alterations have now been completed, and the President of the Association, Dr. ALEXANDER HALL, officially reopened the House last Tuesday afternoon. About 150 guests were present at the ceremony by invitation of the chairman, Dr. W. M. KNox, and members of the Scottish Committee.

Bath Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases.—The British Rheumatic Association held a press conference on May 13 to draw attention to the dilapidated condition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath. Mr. Tom Williams, M.P., chairman of the B.R.A., presided at the conference, which was held at the Royal College of Surgeons. The hospital was opened in 1743 and enlarged in the nineteenth century. In 1938 money for new buildings was collected, but rebuilding was prevented by the outbreak of war, states the B.R.A. During the war a wing was destroyed by bombing. When the hospitals were nationalized in 1948 £130,000 of the hospital’s endowment funds, including £89,000 subscribed specifically for its rebuilding, was appropriated by the Ministry of Health for the central hospitals’ endowment fund, and this money is now said to have “lost its identity.” In spite of this, and of approaches to both the Ministry of Health and the South-western Regional Hospital Board, no decision has yet been taken about financing the hospital’s rebuilding. “It is obvious to all connected with the hospital,” states the B.R.A. “that it cannot continue to serve the community in its dilapidated state. If the hospital is to continue its unique specialist functions in the future, either one of two actions is of the utmost urgency: (a) the regional board to give it top priority for immediate rebuilding as a regional operation, or (b) the Minister of Health to direct—as he is empowered to do—that the hospital shall be rebuilt, as a first priority, from central finances.”

More Children Eligible for Polio Vaccination.—The Minister of Health has now sanctioned the vaccination of children born in 1955 and 1956. In a circular to local health authorities, acquainting them of this and of his decision to continue the distribution of the vaccine during the summer polio season (see p. 1178 of this issue), the Minister states that the Central and Scottish Health Services Councils’ joint committee on poliomyelitis had advised the Minister that it could not continue to serve the community in its dilapidated state. If the hospital is to continue its unique specialist functions in the future, either one of two actions is of the utmost urgency: (a) the regional board to give it top priority for immediate rebuilding as a regional operation, or (b) the Minister of Health to direct—as he is empowered to do—that the hospital shall be rebuilt, as a first priority, from central finances.”

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following degrees were awarded by the Senate on March 27:

M.D.—E. A. Boyce, Margaret R. Dix, P. W. G. Tasker.
M.S.—W. J. Atkinson.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The following degrees were conferred on April 27:

M.D.—A. S. Douglas (with honour).
Ch.M.—J. W. Sutherland (with honour).
COMING EVENTS
Tissue-grafting.—Discussion on research, B.B.C. Third Programme, May 22, 8.25 p.m., repeated May 23, 6 p.m. Professor P. B. Medawar, F.R.S., will be the chairman, and among the panel will be Professor M. F. A. Woodruff, F.R.C.S., and Dr. J. F. Louttit.


Institute of Dermatology.—June 5 to 29, semi-permanent exhibition on "The Xanthomatoses."


NEW ISSUES
British Journal of Venereal Diseases.—The new issue (Vol. 33, No. 1) is now available. The contents include:

EDITORIAL.
Occurrence of Late Syphilis in Untreated Syphilitic Patients. Józef Towpik.

COMMENTS ON THE HISTO-PATHOLOGY OF SYPHILIS, YAWS, AND Pinta. C. M. Hausenbeck.

GONOCOITAL SYphilis in One of Twins. Sydney M. Laidlaw.

On the Failure of Syphilis to Clear S. H. S., a 51-year-old Female. J. Smeyth.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A COMPLEMENT-FIXATION TEST FOR TREPONEMATOSIS.-By G. L. Hookings and R. M. Gravenor.

FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF CARBADIUM ANTIPHOSPHAN BY PARALLEL TESTING AGAINST STANDARD ANTIPHOSPHAN IN ROUTINE WASSERMANN REACTIONS. Sidney Shaw.


LUMBAR DISEASES IN RELATION TO AGE, AEROSOL, AND CEREBROSPINAL FLUID FINDINGS. C. B. S. Schofield.

GONOCOITAL TREATMENT IN INFECTED GIRLS AND MATURE WOMEN. Leopold Z. Goldstein.


TREATMENT OF NON-GONOCOITAL URETHRITIS. E. E. Prebelle.

LUMBAR DISEASES IN RELATION TO AGE, AEROSOL, AND CEREBROSPINAL FLUID FINDINGS. C. B. S. Schofield.

TREATMENT OF NON-GONOCOITAL URETHRITIS WITH NOVOBON. R. W. Willcox.


BOOK REVIEWS.

Abstracts.

Issued quarterly; annual subscription £2 2s.; single copy 12s. 6d.: obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Abstracts of World Medicine.—Issued in the first week of each month, this journal contains abstracts of important papers selected from the current medical literature of the world. Abstracts are prepared by a specially selected team of medical officers and are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES
A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, May 20

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture i premedicat by Professor G. W. Thor (Harvard): Studies on Aldosterone Secretion in Man.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. W. S. C. Copeman:—Steroid Treatment in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Tuesday, May 21

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY: TRINITY COLLEGE.—At Anatomy Theatre, 4.30 p.m., John Muller Purser Lecture by Professory B. Hautes (Zurich): Past and Present Views of Man's Specializations.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Surgery Theatre, Old Medical School, 5 p.m., Professor E. J. Haldane, F.R.S.: "Ido- syncrasy, or Genetics and Medicine."

LONDON UNIVERSITY: Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine. Dr. H. G. W. Thorns:—Some Effects of Adrenal Cortical Steroids on Intermediary Metabolism.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.—At National Institute for Medical Research, Midsummer Hill, 4 p.m., Mr. E. M. Milon, Ph.D., F.R.I.C.: Trace Elements in the Biological Relationship of Soil, Plant, and Animal.

South-West London Medical Society.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W. 8.30 p.m., Bolingbroke Lecture by Professor C. G. Rob: Advances in Cardiovascular Surgery.

University College London: Royal Free Hospital, Gower Street, W.C. 5.30 p.m., Dr. Van-Dyk Bingham Lecture by Sir Cyril Burt: "Intelligence of Mental Ability.

West End Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery.—5.30 p.m., Mr. L. C. Oliver: Surgical Aspects of Head Injuries.

Wednesday, May 22

Birmingham Medical Institute: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., symposium by Dr. A. M. Spencer, Dr. C. A. H. Watt, and Dr. G. A. Travis:—Who Should Be Sent to Mental Hospital? 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. L. Williams:—Prevalence of Temporal Lobe Epilepsies.

Queens Hospital for Neurology.—At Royal Free Hospital, Maida Vale, W. 3.50 p.m., Mr. C. M. Stewart, F.R.A., F.S.S.:—Population Problems in the British Caribbean.

Institute of Dermatology.—3.50 p.m., Dr. I. A. Mearns:—Epidermal Energy Relationships in Health and Disease.

Institute of Diseases of the Chest.—5 p.m., Dr. J. Smart:—Pleural Neoplasm.

King's College.—5.15 p.m., Halliburton Lecture by Professor A. von Muriel (Bene):—Chemical Aspects of Nervous Excitation.

Postgraduate Medical School of London.—2 p.m., Dr. B. A. Stocker:—Heritable Transformations of Bacteria.

Thursday, May 23

Honyman Gillespie Lecture.—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Ediburgh, 5 p.m., Professor J. C. Gollier: Surgery of Uterine Collitis.

Institute of Dermatology.—3.50 p.m., Dr. D. O'Neill:—Emotional Aspects of Skin Diseases.

London Jewish Hospital Medical Society.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. T. S. Adams:—Advances in the Treatment of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy.

Royal North Western Hospital.—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., Dr. S. Udenfriend (U.S.A.):—Biogenetics and Metabolism of 5-Hydroxytryptophan.

Friday, May 24

Biochemical Society.—At Department of Biochemistry, Physiology Institute, Newport Road, Cardiff, 2 p.m., 362nd meeting.

Institute of Dermatology.—3.30 p.m., Dr. J. P. Segal:—Clinical Demonstration.

Institute of Diseases of the Chest.—5 p.m., Dr. F. H. Young:—Clinical Demonstration.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology.—3.30 p.m., Mr. G. H. Howell:—Sitting.

Postgraduate Medical School of London.—10 a.m., Mr. E. G. Muir:—Pathology, T h e r e m e n m a n s .

Musculoskeletal Society.—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., William Blair-Bell Memorial Lecture by Mr. C. W. Taylor:—Mesodermal Mixed Tumours of the Female Genital Tract.

St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. S. Bender: Obstetric Problems in General Practice.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

MacTaggart.—On May 4, 1957, at Torbay Hospital, Torquay, to June, Mrs. I., and H. F., D.H., and Dr. J. D. E., A.D.P.H., of Broadwater, Preston, Paignton, Devon, a son.

Queens.—On May 13, 1957, at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando Trinidad, B.W.I., to Dr. Elizabeth (formerly Smith), and Dr. David G. Gambling, a daughter—Isabel Gambling.

Rainford.—On May 5, 1957, at Aulton, Lancs, to Janet, wife of Dr. F. A. Rainford a daughter—Alison Jean.


DEATHS


Crawford.—On May 7, 1957, at Deal, Kent, Professor Aloysius Crawford, of Broadwater, Preston, Paignton, Devon, a son.

Dawson.—On April 23, 1957, at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando, Trinidad, B.W.I., to Dr. Elizabeth (formerly Smith), and Dr. David G. Gambling, a daughter—Isabel Gambling.

Dragoun.—On May 4, 1957, at Aulton, Lancs, to Janet, wife of Dr. F. A. Rainford a daughter—Alison Jean.

Smith.—On May 10, 1957, at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, Kent, to Pat (formerly Frisby), M.B., B.S., wife of the Reverend R. Allingham Smith, M.A., a son—Jeremy Richard.